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Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts

Letter dated 8 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the continuing violations of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani armed forces on the line of contact between Azerbaijan and the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, recorded for the month of June 2011 (see annex).

These provocative actions contradict the spirit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group negotiation process, all previous statements made by the presidents of the countries co-chairing the OSCE Minsk Group, France, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, as well as basic international documents, such as the Charter of the United Nations and the Helsinki Final Act.

The Azerbaijani Government and President Ilham Aliyev himself have been developing and implementing a large-scale propaganda campaign, disseminating racial hatred and prejudice against Armenians, as well as the ongoing violations of the ceasefire agreement of May 1994. Such behaviour by the Azerbaijani authorities is creating a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

War propaganda by Azerbaijan and calls for a military solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh issue have been explicitly voiced lately at various levels, including at the highest level. The fact of the president of the country boasting about its enormous military budget and capacity is nothing but an immoral show of that country's war-mongering appetite: something totally unacceptable in the family of

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United Nations, and worthy only of condemnation in the strongest possible terms. Neither the use of force nor the threat of use of force can be tolerated.

These malignant actions of Azerbaijani authorities are obvious violations of Azerbaijan's obligations under international instruments, including main provisions of United Nations, OSCE and Council of Europe basic documents prohibiting war propaganda and aggression.

Azerbaijan disseminates anti-Armenian propaganda through all possible means. The civil society is largely executing the President's political orders and commands by directly engaging in anti-Armenian propaganda, while the Azerbaijani Government distributes special grants for so-called "dissemination of truth about Azerbaijan" and other related activities. The President of Azerbaijan also actively uses certain "non-academic" academic circles, which have launched systematic work on the distortion and re-writing of historic facts.

Moreover, Azerbaijan's propaganda nowadays is directed not only at Nagorno Karabakh, but also at the Republic of Armenia. Azerbaijan's falsification of the history and historic facts has encompassed vast areas of Armenia's history.

Azerbaijan's anti-Armenian policy also manifests itself in the form of vandalism against Armenian cultural and historic heritage in the lands that were historically populated by Armenians. The most recent horrific case was the barbaric destruction of the famous medieval cemetery of the ancient Armenian town of Jugha (Julfa) in the present day Autonomous Republic of Nakhijevan. In 2005, the Azerbaijani soldiers, at the direct command of the Government in Baku and in blatant violation of internationally assumed obligations, demolished the medieval cemetery of Jugha (Julfa). Thousands of Armenian medieval unique cross-stones (khachkars) were demolished by the Azerbaijani army in a deliberate attempt to erase Armenian traces and memories from this Armenian historic site.

The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance has underlined that all the political parties in Azerbaijan must take a firm stance against all forms of racism, discrimination and xenophobia and convey a clear political message in favour of diversity and pluralism; they must also avoid addressing issues of relevance to the Armenians in a negative light (see document CRI(2011)19: ECRI REPORT ON AZERBAIJAN (fourth monitoring cycle), adopted on 23 March 2011, and published on 31 May 2011).

In the meantime, additional concerns are raised by the fact that the Azerbaijani leadership has made it clear that it is not going to change its above-mentioned approaches; on the contrary, the anti-Armenian propaganda is becoming more and more an essential part of Azerbaijan's foreign policy, as has been lately evidenced by the President's statements during the Armed Forces Day parade on 26 June 2011, and at the World Azerbaijani Congress, on 5 July 2011.

Armenia is committed to continuing the negotiations on the Nagorno-Karabakh issue under the auspices of the OSCE Minsk Group, which remains an effective and the only internationally mandated format to carry on the mediation efforts. We believe that it is high time for Azerbaijan to realize that it should stop obstructing the work of the mediators, and instead of circulating groundless and offensive letters and/or data, it should concentrate on the ongoing negotiation process.

However, we have also come to the conclusion that Azerbaijan and the majority of its leadership, in their blind hatred for anything Armenian, are unable to, or cannot, see the only and realistic way forward: peaceful negotiations and a political solution based on non-use of force, self-determination and territorial integrity, putting the human rights of the people of Nagorno Karabakh as the top priority. Otherwise, we will have an unending flow of senile, absurd and ludicrous letters that go against any kind of human logic and recorded history or facts, the dissemination of which has become a common practice of Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Garen **Nazarian**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 8 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 June 2011 to 1 July 2011

			Firing	
			From Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date/time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
1.	Barekamavan	01.06.11 17.50	AK	5
2.	Barekamavan	01.06.11 17.50	AK	5
3.	Agarak	01.06.11 22.20	AK	3
4.	Bardzruni	02.06.11 23.05	AK	7
5.	Bardzruni	02.06.11 23.05	AK	5
6.	Laligyukh	03.06.11 21.55	SVD	3
7.	Barekamavan	04.06.11 00.05	PK	2
8.	Vahan	04.06.11 07.10	Sniper weapon 12.7 mm	10
9.	Aygepar	04.06.11 23.00	AK	2
10.	Chinari	05.06.11 17.00	Sniper weapon 12.7 mm	1
11.	Vazashen	05.06.11 08.50	AK	2
12.	Jil	06.06.11 18.55	PK	200
13.	Jil	06.06.11 18.55	AK	300
14.	Berdavan	06.06.11 23.50	AK	17
15.	Berdavan	07.06.11 00.55	AK	65
16.	Chinari	07.06.11 16.00	SVD	15
17.	Movses	07.06.11 19.45	AK	3

			Firing	
			From Azerbaijani side	
No.	Direction	Date/time	Type of weapon	Ammunition
18.	Berdavan	07.06.11 22.30	SVD	4
19.	Mehrab	09.06.11 00.30	AK	15
20.	Movses	08.06.11 20.55	AK	5
21.	Movses	08.06.11 20.55	AK	6
22.	Movses	08.06.11 21.30	AK	4
23.	Movses	08.06.11 21.30	AK	4
24.	N. Karmirakhbyur	08.06.11 14.45	AK	37
25.	N. Karmirakhbyur	08.06.11 14.45	PK	63
26.	Voskevan	08.06.11 14.05	AK	4
27.	N. Karmirakhbyur	09.06.11 08.55	AK	15
28.	Aygepar	09.06.11 11.50	AK	12
29.	Aygepar	09.06.11 11.50	AK	20
30.	Voskepar	09.06.11 20.30	SVD	5
31.	Voskepar	09.06.11 20.30	PK	20
32.	Sevakavan	09.06.11 22.00	SVD	4
33.	Sevakavan	09.06.11 22.00	PK	10
34.	Berqaber	10.06.11 21.30	AK	2
35.	Vazashen	11.06.11 12.30	SVD	1
36.	Vazashen	11.06.11 19.40	AK	15
37.	Voskevan	13.06.11 02.40	AK	4

			Firing	
			From Azerbaijani side	
No.	Direction	Date/time	Type of weapon	Ammunition
38.	Eraskhavan	13.06.11 00.25	AK	4
39.	Agarak	12.06.11 15.25	AK	5
40.	Voskevan	14.06.11 15.15	AK	3
41.	Vazashen	15.06.11 10.50	AK	5
42.	Bardzruni	15.06.11 15.00	SVD	10
43.	Bardzruni	15.06.11 15.00	AK	5
44.	Bardzruni	15.06.11 16.45	SVD	2
45.	Bardzruni	15.06.11 16.45	AK	3
46.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 00.30	AK	15
47.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 00.35	AK	20
48.	Agarak	15.06.11 22.20	AK	2
49.	Agarak	16.06.11 01.50	SVD	4
50.	Agarak	16.06.11 01.50	AK	30
51.	Berqaber	16.06.11 14.20	SVD	5
52.	Berqaber	16.06.11 14.20	RPK	6
53.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 09.30	SVD	5
54.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 11.20	RPK	24
55.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 11.20	PK	30
56.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 22.40	PK	20
57.	Bardzruni	16.06.11 22.40	SVD	5
58.	Chinari	19.06.11 23.30	AK	6

			Firing	
			From Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date/time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
59.	Chinari	19.06.11 23.30	AK	3
60.	Chinari	19.06.11 23.30	AK	7
61.	Voskevan	20.06.11 19.20	AK	5
62.	Eraskh	20.06.11 16.25	AK	1
63.	Bardzruni	20.06.11 15.30	AK	4
64.	Mehrab	21.06.11 10.00	PK	40
65.	Barekamavan	22.06.11 02.20	PK	50
66.	Barekamavan	22.06.11 02.20	AK	50
67.	Khndzorut	21.06.11 21.20	AK	4
68.	Berdavan	22.06.11 19.25	AK	6
69.	Berdavan	22.06.11 22.30	AK	20
70.	Vazashen	25.06.11 00.30	AK	10
71.	Berqaber	25.06.11 13.20	SVD	2
72.	Berqaber	25.06.11 13.20	PK	4
73.	Berqaber	25.06.11 13.20	SVD	1
74.	Vazashen	25.06.11 16.20	AK	3
75.	Vazashen	25.06.11 16.20	AK	10
76.	Vazashen	26.06.11 22.20	SVD	3
77.	Aygepar	28.06.11 00.05	AK	1
78.	Chinari	29.06.11 01.10	AK	70

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 June 2011 to 1 July 2011:

Number of violations: 78

Shots: about 1,328

PK: (439), RPK: (30), SVD: (69), sniper weapon 12.7 mm: (11), machine gun 12.7 mm: (44), AK: (849).

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 June 2011 to 1 July 2011:

Number of violations: 987

Shots: about 4,756

PK: (881), RPK: (5), SVD: (451), machine gun 12.7 mm: (15), sniper weapon 12.7 mm: (11), UTYOS-12.7 mm: (20), AK: (3373).